Certainty in Uncertain Times
On April 11th I turn 50. Born at the time of the conflict in Vietnam, growing up during the crisis with oil and inflation in the 70’s and coming of age during the tensions of Nuclear posturing with the Soviets during the 80’s, my formative years were filled with a sense of uncertainty. Our world seems much the same today: conflicts ... concerns ... uncertainty. God always seems to prefer working in times of uncertainty since our uncertainty demands from us his followers total reliance on Him, The Certain One.

Since we know that knowing God and following God provides for us his certainty, how should we be investing ourselves, our time and our resources today? I want to encourage you this month to Invest your time and finances to strengthen God’s Kingdom effort!

Messiah Yeshua warned us about investing: “But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in or steal.”

On April 16th Devar Emet celebrates 20 years of ministry work as a unique part of God’s greater Kingdom effort. Much has been accomplished as you will see in this newsletter, yet so much remains to be done. The future is uncertain.

Despite the uncertainty of our time, we know that God is working and moving our world toward His certain end, the Kingdom of our Messiah Yeshua! Let us generously work together to build up Messiah’s Kingdom through our time and resources. This kind of investment will bring a certain reward.

Forward for Messiah!

Kirk Giebe
Rabbi & Director

Travel & Speaking Schedule
April 10 - Christ Bible Church, Creve Coeur, IL
April 24 - Oakridge Baptist, St. Joseph, MI

Shalom from Skokie!
This month is a milestone for us as we celebrate Devar Emet’s 20 year anniversary as a ministry! It is hard to imagine all that God has done since we took that step of faith back in 1996 and followed God’s leading for us to begin this unique outreach work. Since then much has happened: Club Maccabee, HaDerekh Youth and Devar Emet Messianic Synagogue and many changed lives for Messiah! Our Outreach of course started with children and then youth, and finally led us to start a congregation specifically to meet the spiritual needs of both children and adults within the Jewish community. Along the way we also provided ministry mentoring to over a dozen young people who have gone on to do ministry within the greater Messianic Jewish community and provided financial support for at least 10 people to attend Moody Bible Institute. All of this simply has been the result of our obedience to God’s leading to reach into the Jewish community of Chicagoland in the most effective way we knew how. This has also come about because of the generous and sacrificial financial support and prayers of you our supports! On the back page we have testimonies of six Jewish young people who either came to faith through our ministry or who were disciple and mentored into ministry through Devar Emet.

All of these young people now are serving or receiving further training for ministry service to impact their own unique Jewish community. We know you will find their stories to be encouraging!

Preparing for the Next 20 Years!
I want to take the opportunity of our anniversary to ask you to please consider a special donation THIS month to help us continue to reach out to, identify and spiritually strengthen young Jewish believers for spiritual leadership! What we do at Devar Emet is extremely unique, and it costs a lot of money: supporting interns, providing scholarships for Moody and other on-line theology and ministry classes, running Camp HaDerekh and the Israel & Winter Alyahs. We could go on and on, but to put it simply, we really need your financial support at this time! In honor of our 20th Anniversary we would like to raise $20,000 to add another intern next Fall, provide more funding for educational scholarships, to replace 4 windows in our building and repair our roof, to finally replace our 7 year old office network server, and to provide 10 scholarships for camp this summer. Invest in our investment at Devar Emet for the sake of Jewish young people, and put your money to a certainly good use. Help us to raise $20,000 this month in honor of 20 years of effective ministry work at Devar Emet!

Forward for Messiah,
Kirk & Carla Giebe
Devar Emet: 20 Years of Developing Fully Committed Jewish Followers of Messiah Yeshua!

Be encouraged by the short testimonies of six young people directly impacted by the ministry of Devar Emet.

**Eric Meiri**
I can honestly say that the ministry of Devar Emet changed my life and my walk as a believer in Yeshua. When I first started coming to Devar Emet Messianic Synagogue, I was not the man I am today. I was a young believer and not yet disciplined in my walk or committed to a community. Rabbi Gliebe’s outreach changed all that. My sin struggle is with addiction and I was in a bad place during the time when we first met. When my struggle was at its worst, that’s when Rabbi Gliebe would pursue me the hardest. The more he pursued, the more I would plug into the community to get the support and encouragement I needed. I am a living testimony of the fruit of Devar Emet’s ministry efforts, and now I am blessed to be a part of that ministry.

*Eric is a true example of the transformational power of the Gospel! He currently serves the Synagogue part time as he prepares for the ministry.*

**Kimberly Padrick**
I was 13 years old when I came to faith through Devar Emet’s youth programing. Devar Emet immediately became my spiritual family and regular community. As I did not come from a believing family, I found accountability, mentorship, and encouragement through youth events, services, Bible studies, and the strong relationships I formed there. I was encouraged to read Scripture daily and seek God through prayer. My desire to know God increased as I sought Him and it continues today. In time, God put it on my heart to pursue full-time Jewish ministry, so I attended Moody Bible Institute where I met my husband in the Jewish Studies program. My husband David recently began doing part-time outreach with Devar Emet and we hope to enter full-time ministry together soon. I am so thankful that God has kept us at Devar Emet to serve Him by helping others come to know Him in the same context that I did 10 years ago.

*Kim has been an active part of Devar Emet’s ministry since she became a believer in 2005. Kim and David now serve part-time on Devar Emet’s staff.*

**Amy Moore**
After several years of outreach to me and my family, I came to faith in the Jewish Messiah through the grace of God and the ministry of Devar Emet. The emphasis given to youth ministry created an environment in which, as a teenager, I was discipled and challenged to live in the fullness of my calling as a Jewish believer in Yeshua. This impacted my spiritual life significantly. Because of Devar Emet, I studied at Moody Bible Institute and have had many opportunities to serve using the gifts God gave me. I’ve also been challenged to consider God’s character from my place in His plan for His people and that is a constant reminder of His redemptive nature. Knowing God as the Redeemer of His people has created in me a strong desire to share the truth of who He is with Jewish people and to see God soften their hearts to Him.

*Amy served in a variety of roles with Devar Emet before going on full time staff with Jews for Jesus in 2013. She is a graduate of Moody.*

**Jason Moraff**
It is often said that the best way to learn is by doing and my time at Devar Emet is a testament to that. When I first came to Devar, I was young, unlearned, and still trying to figure out my skill set. Within a few months of my attendance, Rabbi Gliebe placed me in several positions that pushed me beyond my comfort zone and threw me in the proverbial deep end, by making me teach teens and then adults, eventually to having to preach full sermons. While I was a bit hesitant at the time, in retrospect this was exactly what I needed. In this, Devar Emet helped me to figure out my gifts and expedite my spiritual growth by challenging me to go beyond my comforts. My four years at Devar were some of the most spiritual trying, exhausting, but most beneficial years of my life.

*Jason served as an intern from 2012 to 2015 while at Moody Bible Institute; he is currently a Graduate Theology Student at Duke University.*

**Yudit Lang**
I have been involved with Devar Emet for most of my twenty-one years of life. It first began by attending Club Maccabee when I was six and then attending services regularly when I was eleven. Both of these events led to my ministry within Devar Emet’s outreach program. By playing violin on the worship team, I and a few others (Matthew Gliebe & Kimberly Padrick) were able to form our own musical group, Navi. I also found myself put in charge of the Children’s Programming by Rabbi Gliebe for both the Synagogue and Outreach. I have been greatly blessed by what Devar Emet has done for me. It has not only helped me develop my gifts for God, but has also encouraged me in my own spiritual growth and identity as a Jewish believer in Yeshua.

*Yudit oversees Club Maccabee & the elementary-aged programs. Though a Junior at Wheaton College, her commitment to children is unmatched.*

**Noam Levy**
Devar Emet was “a home away from home” for five years of my life where I was welcomed and loved. I was challenged to grow spiritually, to learn to appreciate and practice my Jewish inheritance, and provided the opportunity to fulfill my calling at the time to disciple and share the gospel with Jewish teenagers. Most importantly, through Devar Emet I was introduced to the love of my life - beautiful bride, best friend and partner in ministry! I will be forever thankful for my time at Devar and always cherish many great memories.

*Noam was our second intern helping with youth from 2004 to 2008; He also went to Moody Bible Institute. Noam currently works as an engineer and actively serves in lay leadership in Israel – picture withheld for privacy.*

*If you would like to add Devar Emet to your will or donate securities please contact us regarding this important way to financially support this ministry!*